

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:  GTE MIDWEST INCORPORATED, predecessor to IOWA TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, INC., d/b/a IOWA TELECOM, AND FAST PHONES OF NEBRASKA, CORP.	DOCKET NO. NIA-00-27
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**ORDER APPROVING NEGOTIATED  
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT**

(Issued August 8, 2000)

On June 21, 2000, GTE Midwest Incorporated, predecessor to Iowa Telecommunications Services, Inc., d/b/a Iowa Telecom, and Fast Phones of Nebraska, Corp., filed a negotiated interconnection agreement for review by the Utilities Board (Board) pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(e). On July 6, 2000, the Board issued an order identifying the proceeding as Docket No. NIA-00-27 and allowing any interested party the opportunity to submit written comments supporting approval or rejection of the agreement within 30 days of the filing. No comments were filed.

Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(2)(A), the Board may reject a negotiated interconnection agreement if it finds either (1) the agreement discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement, or (2) the implementation of the agreement is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity. Based upon the record made in this docket, the Board finds that the filed agreement

does not discriminate against any other carrier and is not inconsistent with the public purpose and will be approved.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

The negotiated interconnection agreement filed on June 21, 2000, by GTE Midwest Incorporated, predecessor to Iowa Telecommunications Services, Inc., d/b/a Iowa Telecom, and Fast Phones of Nebraska, Corp., is approved to be effective upon issuance of this order.

**UTILITIES BOARD**

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper  
Executive Secretary, Deputy

/s/ Diane Munns

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2000.